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To Attorney General

While I believe free markets are the best way to move technology forward, I also believe that for this to occur that one player cannot be allowed to use its power to suppress competition unless others have the power to act in concert to overcome or suppress that single player. If the gloves are to be off for MicroSoft then they should be off for Netscape, Apple, Redhat, Adobe, IBM, AOL,Omni etc. Allowing Microsoft as part of an antitrust settlement to suppress competition further by giving software and computers to poor schools seems unfair because those who abided by the law and their customers have already been damaged. Poor schools are not the only ones damaged by MS, everyday consumers have also been damaged. It would seem more equitable to give consumers or if need be poor schools a voucher redeemable only for non MS products.

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